February 16, 2011

The Honorable Terrie Huntington, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 235-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Huntington:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 127 by Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 127 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 127 would clarify that a primary election in spring of odd-numbered years is required only when more than three qualified candidates for any member position in any member district or if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there are available positions. The bill would apply to primary elections for city offices, local school boards, or community college boards of trustees.

The Secretary of State indicates that SB 127 would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures. The Secretary of State indicates that the bill could produce savings for local governments, but the amount of savings cannot be determined since the number of candidates filing for office varies from year to year.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
Christy Myers, Secretary of State’s Office